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**Weekly Report for the Week of:** August 17, 2015

**Distribution:** Paula Smith, 8OC; Rich Mylott, 8OC; Rebecca Russo, 8OC; Libby Faulk, 8OC/PAI; Caroline Williams, 8EISC; Melissa Haniewicz, 8TMS-IO

Due to the Gold King Mine spill Libby Faulk, Paula Smith Rich Mylott and Cynthia Peterson are currently in Durango. Jennifer Lane is Acting

See Upper Animas <http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>

Chris Wardell is working with the Emergency Response Team and will relieve Libby on Thursday or Friday

**Remedial Sites**

Date	Site/Program	Issue/Action
8/10	Hill AFB	South Weber TAG call – Guerra
8/10	Kennecott	Attend team meeting – Guerra
8/11	Colorado Smelter	Attending the Community Advisory Group meeting in Pueblo, 5:30 – 7:30 pm – Steve Wharton Sabrina Forrest, Jasmin Guerra and Fran Costanzi
8/11 8/13 unspecified	Libby Asbestos	Construction and non-construction call – Lane Attend team meeting – Lane May receive inquiries from locals/press re: comment period ending and we will provide congressional informal update – Lane
8/10-11	Lincoln Park	Work table at Farmers Market in Cañon City to encourage participation in 8/20 future use community planning event – Guerra

**Non-NPL Sites**

Date	Site/Program	Issue/Action
8/10-14	Upper Animas	EPA is coordinating with ATSDR in response to public health concerns/questions associated with the mine waste plume. Working with local health officials at San Juan Basin Health in La Plata County (Durango) and the San Juan County Health Department in Silverton, Colorado re: 3 million gallons of mine wastewater spilled into a tributary of the Animas River – Peterson

**30 Day Projected Public Meetings and/or Media Interest/Interviews**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
8/11-12 am	Park City	Public meeting and availability session 6 to 7 pm to discuss EE/CA work (DOI's NRDA work)– Chergo

**Other Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
8/10-14	Public Affairs Manager	<i>Public Affairs Manager:</i> In Durango re: Animas River mine spill: La Plata and Durango declare state of emergency

**Training/COOP**

8/11 Thames

8/12 Chergo pm

8/12 Lane

8/13 Cooper

**Travel:**

8/10 pm 8/11 Cañon City Guerra

8/11-12 am Park City Chergo

**Leave:**

8/10 leave at 3:30 Lane

8/14 AL Guerra

8/14 off Chergo, Guerra, Lane, Thames